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For: IMPELLER OF CENTRIFUGAL FAN AND :
 CENTRIFUGAL FAN DISPOSED WITH :
 THE IMPELLER (AS AMENDED) : .

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Japanese Laid-open Publication No. 52-47567 appears to disclose a method for the preparation of a hollow vane using a block.

Japanese Laid-open Publication No. 60-18243 appears to disclose a production of a hollow vane for a centrifugal fan. An English abstract is provided for the Examiner's convenience.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 64-41696 appears to disclose a fan with a metallic hollow impeller.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 64-41697 appears to disclose a fan with a hollow impeller.

Japanese Laid-open Publication No. 4-116699 appears to disclose a centrifugal fan with a hollow vane.

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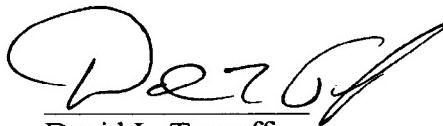
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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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